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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of) CUSTOMER NO. 27717
Harold Mattice et al.)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn
CONTROLLING ACCESS TO AREAS)
OF GAMING MACHINES) Group Art Unit: 3714
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004.

Restriction Requirement

The examiner, despite having examined all of the claims on the merits, in which the examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to apparatus for controlling access to areas in a single gaming machine, classified in class 463, subclass 29.
- II. Claims 11-16, drawn to apparatus for controlling access to areas in a network of gaming machines, classified in class 463, subclass 42.

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